

## KEEC Spring Board Meeting

April 27, 2010

The meeting took place at Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort, Kentucky. Members present were Jim Funk, Evelyn Morgan, Cheryl Messenger, Horace Brown, Robert Roquemore, and Marcus Norton. Staff present were Jane Eller, Michelle Nevels, and Merin Roseman. One guest was present, Jennifer Lane, an intern from WKU and guest of Cheryl Messenger. Absent board members were Greg Higdon, Allen Branscum, and Tom FitzGerald.

Mr. Brown, Chair for KEEC, opened the meeting. After the board members reviewed January's board meeting minutes, Mr. Roquemore motioned to approve those minutes, and Ms. Morgan seconded the motion to approve.

### NCLI/Environmental Literacy Plan

Ms. Eller stated that the Environmental Literacy Plan required as part of our NCLI application for federal funding is well on its way. We have held several meetings including a task Force meeting and a fours group meeting and several more are planned.

### Green & Healthy Schools

Merin Roseman presented the current report for Green & Healthy Schools. An article regarding Green & Healthy Schools has been published in KY Teacher Magazine. Each board member received a copy in their folder. Ms. Roseman is currently collaborating with East Kentucky Pride to market Green & Healthy Schools in the Eastern Kentucky region of the state. Ms. Roseman also indicated Green & Healthy Schools has a sponsor for its Youth Summit scheduled in May. This group, Technology Conservation Group will grant \$1,200.00 to Green & Healthy Schools for the Youth Summit. It is expected that 350 people will attend this Summit.

Ms. Roseman also reviewed the current status for the updates for KEEC's website. The new pages for the website were displayed for the board members. Board members may also view the websites independently. The website is an improvement to the existing website since it allows staff members more control of the timeliness and content upload. <http://greenschools.ky.gov>

### Questing

Ms. Eller reviewed the current status for Kentucky Questing. The kick-off for this program was held the previous week at the Arboretum in Lexington KY. A press release for the event was released to the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. KEEC has received 15 Quests to date and would like to see a Quest for each of Kentucky's 120 counties. Anyone may send a Quest in to KEEC's office.

### Certification

It was decided not to hold a certification class this year for several reasons. First, the plan had been to hold a regional class in west Kentucky and there wasn't enough interest from that part of the state to do

so. Second, the directorship of the agency will change right in the middle of the course. Last, (and most important) our budget situation was unsure and we were concerned we would get a class half way through the year and then lose funding to continue.

#### Board Member Nominations

Ms. Eller stated that board member nominations are this year. As a group, the Council should represent four constituencies. These four constituencies are Business/ Industry, Environment, Education, Government Agencies. The procedure for nominating board members has changed and applicants now apply directly to the Governor's office. Staff will let members know how to apply in the next few weeks.

#### Executive Director Search

The KEEC Executive Director's position has been advertised nationally. Eight applications have been received. The deadline is May 1, 2010. After the deadline, all board members will receive electronic copies for all applications received. They may then provide input to the Selection Committee, made up of Mr. Brown, Ms. Messenger, and Ms. Morgan. This committee will meet May 28, 2010 for interviews. The board will meet the first week of June 2010 to make final decision and offer the job to the top applicant.

Jane Eller's last day is July 31, 2010. The plan is to have the new person's first two weeks overlap with Ms. Eller's last two weeks as away to make the transition smoother. The Education Cabinet's personnel Director Mark White will be available to the Council at all times to provide information, answer questions, etc.

Ms. Eller stated she has applied for two grants. The first grant is with the EPA regarding working in Eastern Kentucky, and the second grant regards partnering with AAAS and NAAEE to grant money to establish teacher training for climate change.

#### Budget

Michelle Nevels discussed the budget submitted for the biennial planning along with the current balances for the budget. The agency is on target as planned for expenditures and will carry forward more money as initially planned at the first of the fiscal year, given the fact that the NKU MOA and the PSC to KAEE is not approved as of this time.

With the aforementioned all being said and no new business addressed, Ms. Morgan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Messenger seconded and the meeting was officially adjourned.